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THE LOST BALLOON

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This is the story of Henry, a simple balloon. During a birthday party, a young child lost the grip of his favorite balloon. Henry would go flying high into the sky.

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As Henry flies through the sky, a giant hand appears. He's pulled into a new world.

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Henry enters a new world, now able to talk and walk around. There are a bunch of blankets, wallets, socks, and batteries all walking and talking. It's a world filled with lost things!

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Henry works at a helium plant with balloons. He works hard and follows the rules. Jax is a mean commanding boss over the balloon workers.

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One day after work, Henry runs into Trixie. She's a battery, who talks as fast as she thinks. The two become best friends. It's an odd friendship since balloons and batteries are very different. Batteries power this world and are very important.

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Henry is home, but he's floating a little lower than usual. He looks for his helium recharge bubble. While looking, he finds an hole the flooring. Upon inspecting, he finds a passage. Revealing a hidden map.

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Henry is back at work eating at the cafeteria. He's excited to tell his friends about his map.

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On his way home, Henry runs into a sad blanket named Benny. This lost blanket wants to go home to his family in the regular world.

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When Henry gets home, he does not want to leave his new home. But Trixie convinced him of how great the adventure will be.

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Henry likes the idea of going anywhere with Trixie. So together, they find Benny and embark on a the journey.

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After starting on the path, the crew walks into a great fog. A group of stuffed parrots swoop in and grab Benny.

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Henry distracts some of the parrots with his helium recharge bubble. Which is now lost. Trixie catches Benny.

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The gang began running away from the stuffed animals. But, they fall off a cliff past some trees.

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Henry, Trixie, and Benny are sliding down a long slide. They all begin laughing as they slide down.

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The team reaches the bottom, which is a giant valley with a massive cave in the distance. Henry, Trixie, and Benny continue walking, laughing, and playing. But Henry is losing air.

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The massive cave grows in size as they approach. The map shows that the cave is the destination.

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The team begins to enter the cave with ample light blasting out. Henry's excited yet a little sad because he's lost a lot of air.

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When the crew enters, they see a bright light with giant hands rising and descending. The hands are going through clouds beyond the cliff. Each hand is bringing new lost things into the world.

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Benny begins moving toward the edge of a cliff to return to his home. He looks back to get the crew to join him, but Henry and Trixie are hesitant.

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As they approach, they hear a familiar voice. It's Jax! He appears with thousands of balloons from the factory. He keeps thanking Benny, Henry, and Trixie for leading him there.

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Jax shares a belief that the balloons can manage the hands. If they control the hands, they can take over both worlds.

Jax commands his balloons to start to control the hands with levers around the cliff.

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Children begin appearing in the new world in the arrival area of the world. The children are afraid and crying.

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Benny turns with an angry look on his face. He was the one who shared the location with Jax.

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Benny's angry because a young child lost him in a car a long time ago. He has been trying to go back as a result.

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Trixie lets them know that she is like royalty in this world and won't stand for what they are doing.

As she moves forward, Jax lets out some air and flies into her causing her to fall off the cliff. A hand catches her and sends her back to the world. Henry almost deflated floats toward her.

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Henry turns around toward the large crowd of balloons. "We are all the same. We are basic balloons who work hard and follow the rules. But there are times when following orders is wrong if it's hurting people. We don't have to blindly follow. Join me, and let's stop this."

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Jax moves to throw Henry off the cliff. The other balloons stop him and reverse the levers controlling the hands.

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Benny and Jax, when faced with angry balloons, decide to jump off the cliff to get sent back.

The group of balloons reverses the levers sending the kids back to their homeworld. The balloons provide helium to Henry.

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Now, Henry is the boss of the plant. Though there are rules, the balloons work together as a team.

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Trixie returns after getting lost again. She's reunited with Henry.

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All the different classes are living together.

The End.